GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG THROUGH MOBILE LPG FILLING VANS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to provide LPG through mobile LPG filling vans in the rural areas of the country

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Government are aware that LPG distributors in the rural areas are charging more than the actual rate of LPG cylinder ; and

(d) if so, the action taken / being taken by the Government against such LPG distributors ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) and (b) : At present, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies areoperating LPG Rural Marketing Vehicle (RMV) on experimental basis at Tanjore (Tamil Nadu), Allahabad (U.P.), Sangrur (Punjab) and skid mounted facility at Deodhar in Gujarat.

(c) and (d) : The rates chargeable are fixed on Oil Industry basis for all the markets including rural areas.However, for a location that is outside the marketing operation of distributor, additional transportation cost as approved by District Administration is recovered from the customers. Whenever any instance of over-charging by an LPG distributor comes to the notice of the Government / Oil Companies, necessary action is taken in terms of Distributorship Agreement.